HW: Lane tapes on mini-cassettes, not readily dub-able. But here are transcriptions. --PM

MARK LANE

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Jerry Tate: (LA Times reported MLane was hired by) Ppl's Templ leader Jim Jones to launch a public relations campaign to counter criticism of the cult. [redacted] Earlier L had told the Times he was working w/o pay. The Times report said L admitted reeeiving & cashing the check & also said the cult stillowes him $2800.

Documents released to the T imes by cult members reportedly included the cancelled check & what is called a [redacted] "legal [redacted] strategy memo" including the use of television specials & magazine articles detailing a 'conspiracy' by Govt agencies to destroy the Temple. The plan would also show the Jonestown settlement as an agricultural [redacted] utopia.

Today, MIKE LAWHEAD talked to ML about a man who may be the sole heir to the $7.5mil Temple estate.

MIKE: ML claims he has documents that show that more than $7mil belonging to the Ppl's Temple is located in 2 Swiss bank accounts in the name of an elderly woman believed to have been a victim of last month's murder-suicide. L says he obtained the documents from former cult member Terry Buford.

(YOUNG [redacted] ATTRACTIVE FEM SHOWN W/LANE & LAWHEAD)

who was in charge of the account before she left Jonestown in mid-Sept.

LANE: She was required to sign over an assignment, turning the money over to some other person & that money was then turned over--assigned to--an elderly woman, a woman in her 70s, who probably had not the faintest idea that she had become a 'millionaire.'

MIKE: Lane says he has contacted the elderly woman's son about his possible inheritance & that the man has asked L to put a freeze on the account.

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LANE: But he said he did not want to keep any of the money himself. What he would do w/the money, he said, was to give it all to the survivors in (of) Jonestown & the families who lost relatives there.
MIKE: Because the [redacted] heir wishes to remain anonymous, L said he could not produce the bank account document, but he said Terry Buford is scheduled to meet with the US Atty from SF later this week to further discuss the finances of the Pppl's Temple.

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MARK LANE

Chas Krauss WxPost reporter, author of GUYANA book, to Natl Press Club today:

Had long interview w/Lane on plane going down. Lane said 90% of ppl thought Ppl's Temple/Jim Jones OK.

"He did say that probably 10% of the ppl were, in various degrees, unhappy. [redacted]. But he insisted that only peer pressure was keepting them in Jonestown.

I was surprised & shocked, when this whole thing was over, that he suddenly decided to tell the world he knew almost everything that was going on in there--including the guns & the drugs & the various forms of deprivation. And he said tome that his hope had been that maybe the Congressman's visit would help reform what he knew to be more or less a prison camp.

I really don't want to be accusatory or--it's really not my role. I would just merely set out that statements before & after, & allow ppl to make their own (judgments)."

CONNECTION:

LANE RE CUBAN-RUSS [redacted]

(As I recall, Krauss said Lane alluded to possible Communist link.)

HW: Additionally, there is Barb Walters intvu w/Lane--I have transcription.

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